

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Loran Schmit. Senator Schmit, to explain LB 567.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, yes, I'd be glad to do that. The Missouri River Basin Commission is no longer in existence, in fact, and, therefore, and several of the existing states have already withdrawn. No reason for the language in the statute and so, therefore, we remove it. I move that the bill be adopted, advanced.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Any discussion on the motion to advance the bill? If not...excuse me, Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I have a question for Senator Schmit briefly.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: A very simple question, is there any chance that this Missouri River group would ever, for some particular reason, want to get back together at all under any circumstance?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, if we did, we'd have to start all over again because the language of the original group in some states has already been repealed so, in effect, there is no group in existence any more at the present time. There is a reason why we might want to get together again and I think we probably ought to consider it, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Noting your...a bill that will be discussed possibly later this morning on water sale, I'm thinking that this might be a vehicle in which to keep this group viable because I'm assuming if we move to sell water, there is going to be interest in that from other states as well, so, that is the only question I had.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think you're right, Senator. There will be interest.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any other discussion? If not, those in favor of advancing LB 567 vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of 567. Please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of